



Artists in Residence in Everglades EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

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Born in Fort Lauderdale, I am a lifelong lover of the Everglades. Artists, including painters, sculptors, poets, novelists, and musicians, have produced imaginative works that have crystallized the beauty and tangible importance of Everglades National Park. In the same way, we nonfiction writers -- journalists, essayists, memoirists, and photographers -- have helped to establish the aesthetic value and material efficacy of the Glades.

Throughout my careers as an educator and journalist, I have written about protecting and enjoying our environmental treasures. Some of my work has influenced readers to write letters to newspapers and to contact their legislators. I have encouraged students to write about the environment. Like John Muir, Aldo Leopold, Edward Abbey, and others, I want to make the environment come alive on the page by creating word pictures, drawing readers vicariously into the magnificence our natural wild places.

Access to one of Bill's columns, please click on the link,
http://www.sptimes.com/Travel97/10198/Florida_bound__The_Ev.html

Read Bill's book, *Finding Yourself: A Spiritual Journey through a Florida Garden*, (Bok Tower Gardens)